Appointments by the Public Service Commissioner.

51. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Nadars appointed in the intermediate and lower divisions of the public service during the first half of 1115?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: 4 in the Intermediate Division and 18 in the Lower Division.

Press Communique regarding the Mandakad Temple Festival.

52. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether in February or March 1940, they issued a Press Communique regarding the Mandakad Sirkar temple festival and the holding of a Christian Convention, in the neighbourhood of the temple, during the festival days; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the Press Communique?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy of the Press Communique* is placed on the table.

Munsiffs among Nadars.

53. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Nadars among Munsiffs?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: None.

Appointment of Latin Christians in the Anchal Department.

54. MR. D. FRANCIS: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the total number of Latin Christians appointed during the past four years ending with 30-12-1111 on Rs. 20 and above, both permanent and acting, with their names in the Anchal Department?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: A † list containing the information is laid on the table.

Latin Christians in the Agricultural Department.

55. MR. D. FRANCIS: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the total number of Latin Christians appointed during the past four years ending with 30-12-1114 on Rs. 15 and above, both permanent and acting, with their names in the Agricultural Department?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: One—Mr. Elias, J. D'Cruz.

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†*Vide* Appendix C, page 740.

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Appendix B.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 52.**

PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

Several petitions and representations have been received by Government including one from a member of the Legislature that certain missionary agencies are about to hold a religious convention during the Mandakad festival and that a convention is likely to result in a clash. It has also been represented to Government that very large crowds are expected to assemble for the temple festival and also for the convention. The distance between the temple and the site of the missionary conference is about two furlongs. If the Government had been apprised earlier of these fixtures and the consequences now apprehended, arrangements may have been made for the convention being held before the commencement of the festival or after its termination and Government hope that from next year this procedure will be followed as a matter of mutual adjustment. As, however, all arrangements have been made for this year, Government do not propose to interfere with them.

It has become apparent to Government that for various reasons the feelings between the two communities have been exacerbated on account of some lectures delivered and pamphlets distributed in certain parts of the State disparaging the Hindu faith. It is also noticed that for the first time in the recent history of the State, provocative allegations have recently been made by certain persons regarding an alleged drive in this State against the Christians. Government deprecate and repel such statements which are both unfounded and mischievous. They are very anxious to avoid situations in which such allegations are likely to be made or mutually hostile propaganda likely to be indulged in. They therefore appeal to the members of the Hindu and the Christian communities to refrain during the ensuing festival and convention from any provocative action or speech and to see that the convention and the festival are conducted in peace and harmony and without any mutual friction thus avoiding any recourse to the executive authority.

Appendix C.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 54.**

List of Latin Christians appointed during the past four years ending with 30-12-1114 in the Anchal Department drawing a pay of Rs. 20 and above.

(1) Joseph Fernandez.
(2) G. Devasahayam.
(3) Arulappa Pillai.
(4) Susai Mariyan.
(5) Thirilose George.

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